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To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study to identify sites and resources to commemorate and interpret the Cold War.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BERKLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

4 (1) **ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**—The term “Advi-
5 sory Committee” means the Cold War Advisory
6 Committee established under section 3.

7 (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 (3) **THEME STUDY.**—The term “theme study”
2 means the national historic landmark theme study
3 conducted under section 2(a).

4 **SEC. 2. COLD WAR THEME STUDY.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall conduct a na-
6 tional historic landmark theme study to identify sites and
7 resources in the United States that are significant to the
8 Cold War.

9 (b) **RESOURCES.**—In conducting the theme study, the
10 Secretary shall consider—

11 (1) the inventory of sites and resources associ-
12 ated with the Cold War completed by the Secretary
13 of Defense under section 8120(b)(9) of the Depart-
14 ment of Defense Appropriations Act, 1991 (Public
15 Law 101–511; 104 Stat. 1906); and

16 (2) historical studies and research of Cold War
17 sites and resources, including—

18 (A) intercontinental ballistic missiles;

19 (B) flight training centers;

20 (C) manufacturing facilities;

21 (D) communications and command centers

22 (such as Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado);

23 (E) defensive radar networks (such as the
24 Distant Early Warning Line);

1 (F) nuclear weapons test sites (such as the
2 Nevada test site); and

3 (G) strategic and tactical aircraft.

4 (c) CONTENTS.—The theme study shall include—

5 (1) recommendations for commemorating and
6 interpreting sites and resources identified by the
7 theme study, including—

8 (A) sites for which studies for potential in-
9 clusion in the National Park System should be
10 authorized;

11 (B) sites for which new national historic
12 landmarks should be nominated; and

13 (C) other appropriate designations;

14 (2) recommendations for cooperative agree-
15 ments with—

16 (A) State and local governments;

17 (B) local historical organizations; and

18 (C) other appropriate entities; and

19 (3) an estimate of the amount required to carry
20 out the recommendations under paragraphs (1) and
21 (2).

22 (d) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the theme study,
23 the Secretary shall consult with—

24 (1) the Secretary of the Air Force;

25 (2) State and local officials;

1 (3) State historic preservation offices; and

2 (4) other interested organizations and individ-
3 uals.

4 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
5 on which funds are made available to carry out this Act,
6 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural
7 Resources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
8 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
9 a report that describes the findings, conclusions, and rec-
10 ommendations of the theme study.

11 **SEC. 3. COLD WAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

12 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—As soon as practicable after
13 funds are made available to carry out this Act, the Sec-
14 retary shall establish an advisory committee, to be known
15 as the “Cold War Advisory Committee”, to assist the Sec-
16 retary in carrying out this Act.

17 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Advisory Committee shall be
18 composed of 9 members, to be appointed by the Secretary,
19 of whom—

20 (1) 3 shall have expertise in Cold War history;

21 (2) 2 shall have expertise in historic preserva-
22 tion;

23 (3) 1 shall have expertise in the history of the
24 United States; and

25 (4) 3 shall represent the general public.

1 (c) CHAIRPERSON.—The Advisory Committee shall
2 select a chairperson from among the members of the Advi-
3 sory Committee.

4 (d) COMPENSATION.—A member of the Advisory
5 Committee shall serve without compensation but may be
6 reimbursed by the Secretary for expenses reasonably in-
7 curred in the performance of the duties of the Advisory
8 Committee.

9 (e) MEETINGS.—On at least 3 occasions, the Sec-
10 retary (or a designee) shall meet and consult with the Ad-
11 visory Committee on matters relating to the theme study.

12 **SEC. 4. INTERPRETIVE HANDBOOK ON THE COLD WAR.**

13 Not later than 4 years after the date on which funds
14 are made available to carry out this Act, the Secretary
15 shall—

16 (1) prepare and publish an interpretive hand-
17 book on the Cold War; and

18 (2) disseminate information in the theme study
19 by other appropriate means.

20 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
22 this Act \$500,000.

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